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SUBJECT: GUYANA ELECTION RETURNS

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1. WITH SEVEN OF GREATER GEORGETOWN'S ELECTION DISTRICTS REPORTING BY EARLY AFTERNOON, THREE OF THEM PROVISIONALLY, RULING PNC HAS 71.09 PER CENT OF 60,0003 VOTES CAST. PPP FOLLOWS WITH 20.21 PER CENT, LP HAS 13.29 PER CENT AND PDM OBTAINED ONLY 1.25 PER CENT.

2. WHILE TOTAL VOTERS REGISTERED IN THESE SEVEN DISTRICTS NOT YET AVAILABLE, INDICATIONS ARE THAT TURNOUT RUNNING AT ABOUT 70 PERCENT, WHICH IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IN 1968 WHEN

62,547 VOTES CAST, OR 90 034 CENT OF REGISTERED TOTAL. NEVERTHELESS, PNC SHARE OF VOTES IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN IN 1968, THAT OF PPP ABOUT THE SAME, WITH LP SHOWING DROP FROM PROPORTION OBTAINED IN 1968 BY UF WHICH IT HAS OW ABSORBED.

3. VOTER TURNOUT IN RURAL AREAS, LARGELY EAST INDIANS, REPORTEDLY WAS HEAVY. PPP LEADER CHEDDI JAGAN CONFIDENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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CLAIMING OVERWHELMING MAJORITY STOOD BY HIM AND HIS PARTY

AND WILL MORE THAN OFFSET PNC LEAD IN GEORGETOWN. PNC ARGUING THAT LOWER TUROUT IN GEORGETOWN DUE TO PARTY'S HAVING CONCENTRATED ITS CAMPAIGN IN RURAL AREAS AND WITH EQUAL CONFIDENCE, ASSSERTING THAT SUBSTANTIAL CROSS-OVER FROM TRADITIONALLY PRO-PPP GROUPS WILL PROVE TO HAVE RESULTED.

4. IT IS FAR TOO EARLY TO PREDICT FINAL OUTCOME, WHICH MAY NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. KING

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